



536EPXX

Host Accelerated Modem 56K V.92 Chipset

Preliminary Datasheet

Product Features

- Merges benefits from software and hardware modems
- Uses host's CPU without degrading performance
- Distributes functions optimally between CPU and DSP
- Cost savings
 - CPU eliminates need for controller chip
 - Reduced board size
 - Superior price/performance ratio
- Data modulation
 - Data rates up to 56 kbps[†]
 - ITU-V.92, V.90 compliant
 - ITU-T V.34 (33,600 to 2,400 bps)
 - ITU-T V.32 bis, V.23, V.22 bis, V.21
 - Bell, 212A and 103
 - Error correction: ITU V.42 and MNP, 2–4
 - Data compression: ITU V.44, V.42 bis and MNP, 5
- Fax modulation
 - ITU-T V.17, V.26ter, V.29 to 14,400 bps
 - Fax Class 1 commands
- PCI
 - PCI 2.2-compliant
- PC telephony
 - International telephony support
 - Voice compression: ADPCM, linear, and CL1
 - 4800, 7200, 8000, 9600, and 11025 samples/sec.
 - Full-duplex, echo-cancelled digital speakerphone
 - Telephone emulation for headset applications
 - IS-101 Voice commands
 - ITU-V.80 for videoconferencing
- Power requirements
 - DSP 3.3 V Pad, 1.3 V Core
 - Automatic sleep and wake-up modes
 - ACPI (advanced configuration power interface)
- Packaging
 - DSP: 128-pin LQFP
 - AFE: 44-pin VQFP
- Exceeds Microsoft*, PC 00 requirements
- Microsoft, Windows*, TAPI-compliant
- AT command-driven

[†] Maximum speed allowed by the FCC is 53.333 kbps.

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1.0 Overview

The software upgradable 536EPXX chipset and reference design from Intel is targeted at modem and computer manufacturers. This new product is a leap forward in technology, performance and cost savings. The 536EPXX is a Host Accelerated Modem solution that combines and optimizes the best features from software and hardware modems. This unique hybrid delivers superior performance and is a price competitive modem.

The 536EPXX uses the host computer's CPU to replace the modem's controller without degrading CPU performance. Since today's CPUs are well equipped to handle Digital Signal Processing (DSP), some of the DSP functions are diverted to the CPU. However, to prevent a decrease in CPU and modem performance, a separate and less expensive DSP chip is used to share the load. Maximum system and modem performance is maintained by splitting the processing optimally between the CPU and the DSP.

Unlike software modems, there is no performance penalty because the CPU does not handle all of the controller and DSP functions. Instead, functions have been strategically optimized for accelerated performance by either the CPU or the DSP depending on which device can perform them most efficiently—delivering a price-performance ratio neither software- nor hardware-only modems can match.

Optimizing CPU usage in this manner eliminates the need for a controller and reduces the size of the DSP, thereby reducing part count, board size and the amount of silicon used. These cost saving advantages make the 536EPXX a superior high-performance and feature-rich alternative to software modems.

With an integrated PCI interface, this ITU-V.92 solution provides a complete set of standard data/fax/voice and speakerphone features. Effective data receive rates of up to 56K (53.333 kbps FCC max.) ensures interoperability with major Internet service providers around the world. Chipset features also include ITU-V.80 videoconferencing. The 536EPXX exceeds Microsoft® PC 00 specifications for Windows® and is TAPI and PCI 2.1 compliant. It satisfies legacy applications and supports all requirements for PC-based communications, including all standard AT commands for data, Class 1 fax and IS-101 voice.

1.1 Versatile 56K Platform

With many advanced features already built in, the 536EPXX is a versatile platform for future development. By using the host computer's CPU, the 536EPXX can leverage the latest developments in CPU technology. These advances can be taken advantage of quickly because the controller code can be modified in a "C" code development environment. Thus, new features and products can be brought to market faster and less expensively than ever before. And end users can easily upgrade to the newest communication technology by downloading and installing software upgrades directly from the modem or computer manufacturer's internet site.

1.2 Integrated PCI & Mini-PCI Interface

The integrated design supports PCI and Mini-PCI interfaces, and allows the device to transfer data from the DSP to the host system's CPU faster than ISA or serial solutions. The integrated interface also eliminates the ISA bridge chip requirement which helps to reduce part count, board space and cost.

1.3 Satisfies Legacy Applications

The 536EPXX supports all PC-based communication requirements. Its robust host-based controller software and powerful DSP support all standard AT commands for data, Class 1 fax and IS-101 voice.

1.4 Comprehensive Telephony Features

Voice telephony is becoming increasingly important. The 536EPXX offers a complete telephony interface with Caller ID, voice mail, answering machine capabilities, tone generation and detection, call progress control, telephone emulation and full-duplex digital speakerphone. All voice features are fully compliant with Microsoft's Unimodem V and TAPI standards, and all voice commands comply with IS-101 voice command standards. Intel also provides DAA design recommendations that support international telephony applications.

1.5 Reference Design Available

Intel provides a reference design that demonstrates chipset applications for several common configurations. The design documentation includes a schematic (OrCAD), bill of materials, block diagram and a description of operation.

1.6 Minimal Component Design

The 536EPXX was designed to reduce part count, board area and the amount of silicon used. These design considerations significantly reduce the cost of the 536EPXX without sacrificing quality or performance. The 536EPXX solution is a sleek, compact and cost effective alternative to both software- and hardware-only modems.

1.7 Reduced EMI/RFI Emissions

A single low-frequency crystal serves as a clock for the DSP in the 536EPXX chipsets. The single-crystal design minimizes high-frequency harmonics and simplifies EMI/RFI design considerations.

Figure 3. Functional Block Diagrams

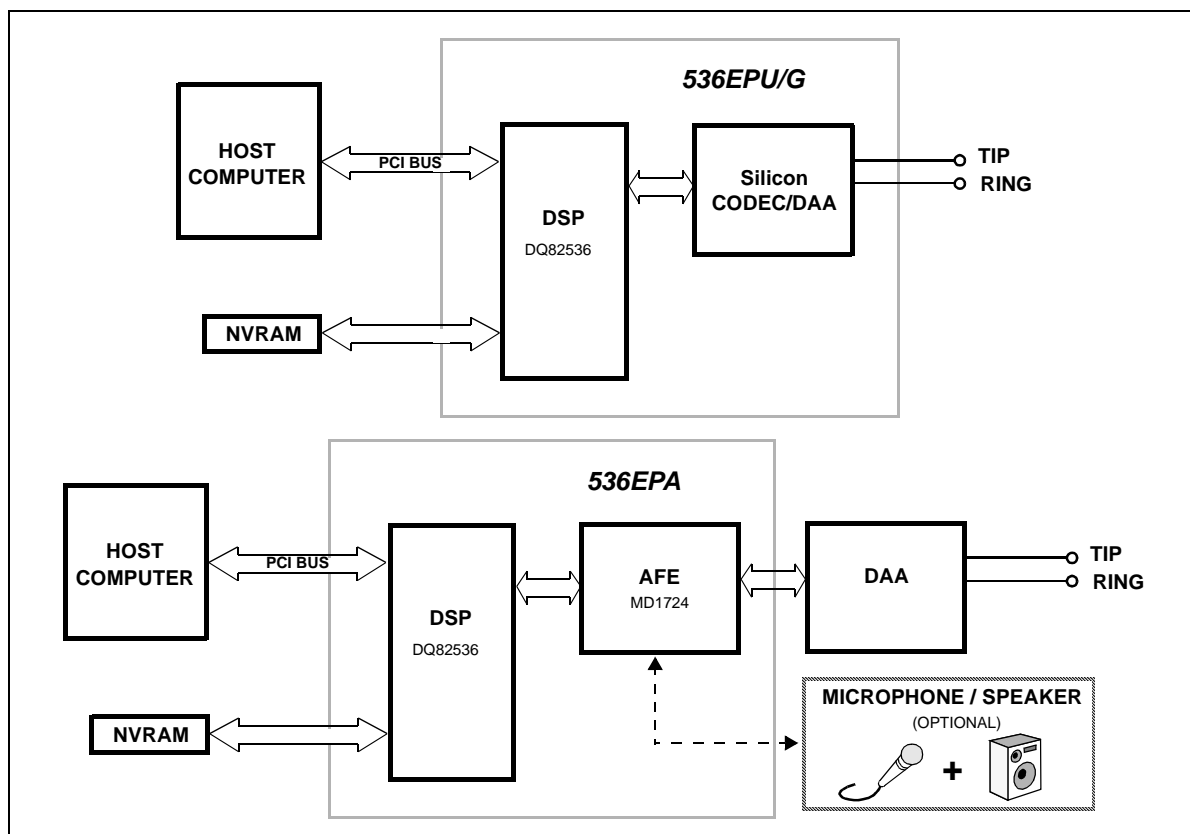
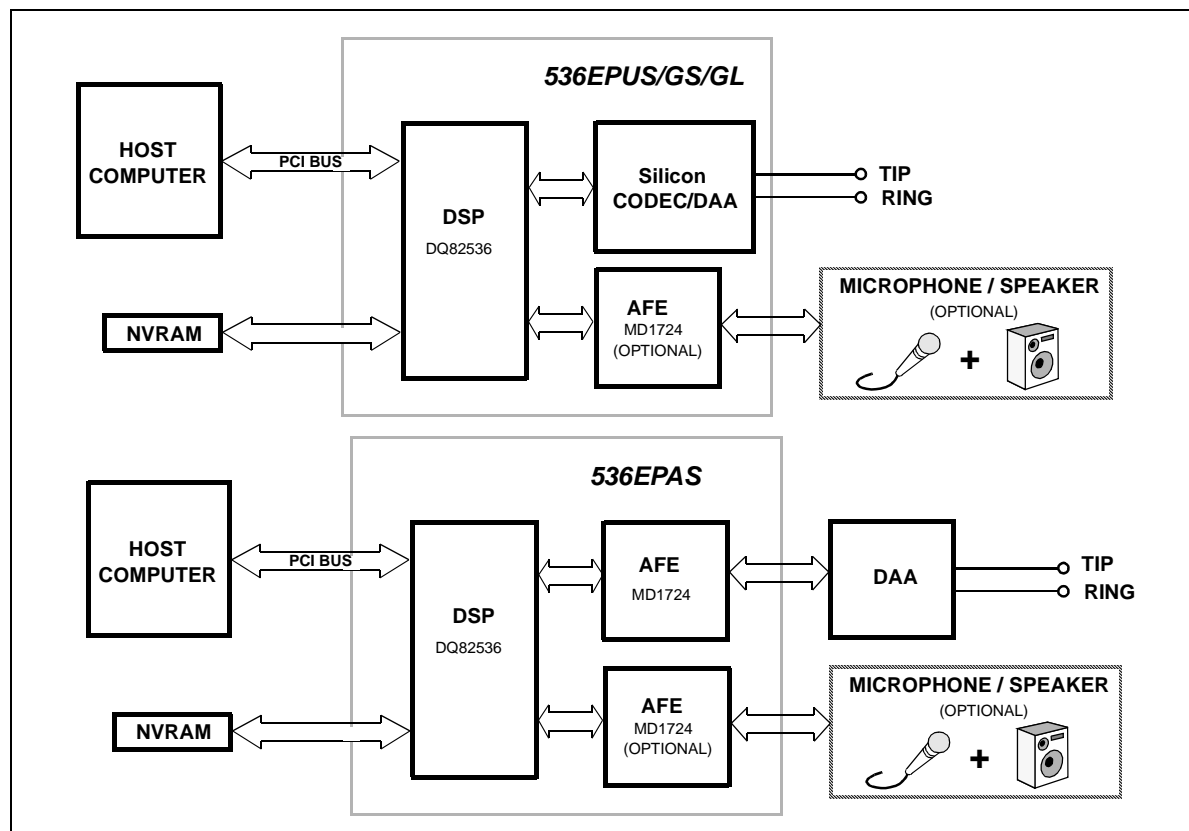


Figure 3. Functional Block Diagrams (Continued)



6.0 Chipset Descriptions

The 536EPXX is a Host Accelerated Modem chipset family consisting of a DSP (digital signal processor), and a Silicon Laboratories CODEC/DAA or an Intel Analog Front End (AFE). These chipsets support a variety of applications and need no additional firmware development. The current 536EPXX chipsets are shown in [Table 12 “Chipset Composition \(PCI & Mini-PCI\)”](#) with their corresponding DSP and AFE device part numbers. Please contact Intel to verify current part numbers and technical information.

6.1 Host Controller Software

The host-based controller software contains code for all controller functions for Group 3 Fax mode, Data mode (including error correction and data compression), and Voice mode.

6.1.1 Digital Signal Processor (DSP)

The DQ82536 digital signal processor (DSP) performs all digital signal processing functions for the chipset, including modulation, echo cancellation, call progress monitoring, and voice processing.

The DSP requires a 3.3 V and 1.3 V power supply, which takes advantage of the latest manufacturing technologies. The PCI bus accommodates either 5-V or 3.3-V designs reducing power consumption.

6.2 Analog Front End Device (AFE)

The MD1724 AFE device uses Delta-Sigma techniques to convert analog information from a telephone line to digital information that can be processed by the DSP. In addition to its analog circuitry, the modem's Delta-Sigma function incorporates unique and proprietary digital-to-analog and analog-to-digital features. These features improve receiver accuracy, which in turn improves performance at low levels of receive signal.

Compared to other analog front-end technologies, the Delta-Sigma implementation better stabilizes the function of the AFE devices and makes them less sensitive to board layout than other analog front end technologies. Since a significant amount of signal processing is performed by digital rather than analog techniques, Delta-Sigma analog-to-digital conversion considerably improves signal quality.

For basic data, fax, and voice modes of operation, a single AFE device is needed. For full-duplex echo cancelled speakerphone applications, an additional AFE device is required. The AFEs require a 5-V power supply; however, the interface is 3.3-V-capable.

6.3 CODEC/DAA

The 536EPXX chipset uses a Silicon DAA to interface to the telephone line. The Silicon DAA replaces an analog front end (AFE), an isolation transformer, relays, opto-isolators and a hybrid.

7.0 Modes of Operation

The 536EPXX chipset family provides complete modem functions for the following modes: Group 3 Fax, Data, IS-101 Voice, V.42/MNP 2–4 (Microcom Networking Protocol Classes 2 through 4), Error correction, V.44, V.42 bis/MNP 5 (Microcom Networking Protocol Class 5), and Videoconferencing. Each mode has its own unique AT command set. The data rates and modulation schemes for Data and Fax modes are presented in [Table 15 on page 25](#). Additionally, special modes of operation exist for power management and loopback testing.

7.1 Modes

7.1.1 Data Mode

In data mode, the 536EPXX chipsets send at an effective rate of 33.6 kbps and receive at 53.333 kbps using ITU-V.92. The 56K receive rates can be achieved only in connections with equipment-compatible ISPs (internet service providers). See [Table 15 on page 25](#) for connection rates. Both chipset families implement all data rates and modulation schemes for ITU-T (International Telecommunications Union—Telecommunications) standards V.34, V.32 bis, V.32, V.22 bis, V.22, V.21, and Bell 212A, Bell 103. Both families implement a standard (TIES) Data mode AT command set, which is compatible with any communication application software that supports the Hayes* AT command set.

7.1.2 Fax Mode

In fax mode, the chipsets operate at up to 14.4 kbps (transmit and receive) and implement all the data rates and modulation schemes for ITU-T standards V.17, V.29, V.27 ter, and V.21 ch2. The chipsets implement a standard Fax mode AT command set compatible with any communication application software that supports EIA/TIA-578 Fax Class 1 standards.

7.1.3 Voice Mode

All chipsets support Telephone-Emulation mode, IS-101 voice commands, and record and playback message capabilities. Telephone-Emulation mode allows a handset/microphone-speaker and modem to be used as a complete telephone. In Telephone-Emulation mode, the received data from the AFE (MD1724) microphone interface is looped back to the AFE analog transmit pins. In voice mode, the message record and playback abilities are accessed by the extended IS-101 AT commands.

7.1.4 Error Correction and Data Compression Modes

The Intel platform supports error correction (V.42/MNP 2–4) and data compression (V.44 and V.42 bis/MNP 5). Error correction ensures error-free data transfer. Data compression substantially increases the modem data throughput over the basic data rate throughput. Depending on the data stream, MNP 5 can provide compression ratios of up to two-to-one. Alternately, ITU-T V.44 can provide up to 25% more compression than the V.42 bis.

7.1.5 Videoconferencing (V.80) Support

The 536EPXX supports the ITU-V.80 recommendation. This option ensures compatibility with host-based H.324 videoconferencing application software. The 536EPXX chipsets support both transparent and framed submodes of the V.80 synchronous access mode, plus Voice Call First and full-duplex speakerphone.

7.1.6 Loopback Test Modes

In all modes except V.92, modem-to-DTE and modem-to-modem communication integrity can be tested with loopback tests. The **AT&T1** command initiates the local analog loopback test.

7.2 Other Features

7.2.1 Full-Duplex Speakerphone

The 536EPXX supports full-duplex speakerphone with internal adaptive echo cancellation. Phone users can talk simultaneously without the remote user hearing an echo.

7.2.2 Transmit Levels

The factory default transmit level for V.92 and V.34 transmission is $-10\text{ dBm} \pm 1\text{ dB}$ at Tip and Ring. Data and fax use separate transmission levels. The transmit level can be programmed using the international configuration utility.

Important: Current download speeds are limited to 53.33 kbps due to FCC rules that restrict modem power output.

7.2.3 Transmit Tone Levels

The modem generates DTMF, answer, call, and guard tones. The specifications for each tone are provided in [Table 13](#) and [Table 14 on page 24](#). The transmit level can be programmed using the Intel configuration utility.

7.2.4 Receive Level

The receiver can accommodate a receive signal from -9 dBm to -43 dBm . The DCD (data carrier detect) function is activated at -43 dBm and above; it is deactivated at -48 dBm and below.

7.2.5 Receiver Tracking

The receiver compensates for up to $\pm 7\text{ Hz}$ of carrier-frequency offset in V.34 mode.

7.2.6 Equalizers

Automatic adaptive and compromise equalizers are provided to compensate for line distortions.

7.2.7 Call Progress

The modem monitors the detection of call-progress tones during call origination and reports them to the DTE. Call-progress tones include dial, busy, ringback, and answer.

7.2.8 Caller ID

Caller ID is a service that allows the user to see the caller's telephone number and name. Caller ID also provides information on call date and time.

7.2.9 International Support

The Intel chipsets support international applications. For information on specific countries, contact your local Intel sales office at the address listed on the back cover of this document.

Table 13. Transmit Tones

Tone	Value	Application
Calling tone	1100 Hz	Fax originator
	1300 Hz	Data originator
Answer tone	2100 Hz	Data/fax (ITU-T)
	2225 Hz	Data (Bell mode)
Guard tone	1800 Hz	Data/fax (answer mode)
	550 Hz	

Table 14. DTMF Tone Pairs

Dial Digit	Tone 1 (Hz)	Tone 2 (Hz)
0	941	1336
1	697	1209
2	697	1336
3	697	1447
4	770	1209
5	770	1336
6	770	1477
7	852	1209
8	852	1336
9	852	1447
*	941	1209
#	941	1447
A	697	1633



Table 14. DTMF Tone Pairs (Continued)

Dial Digit	Tone 1 (Hz)	Tone 2 (Hz)
B	770	1633
C	852	1633
D	941	1633

Table 15. Communication Modes and Data Rates

Application	Mode	Data Rate (bps)	Modulation	Baud Rate (symbols/sec.)	Carrier Frequency (Hz)	Constellation Points
Fax	V.17	14,400	TCM	2400	1800	128
		12,000	TCM	2400	1800	64
		9600	TCM	2400	1800	32
		7200	TCM	2400	1800	16
	V.29	9600	QAM	2400	1700	16
		7200	QAM	2400	1700	8
		4800	QAM	2400	1700	4
	V.27 ter	4800	DPSK	1600	1800	8
		2400	DPSK	1200	1800	4
	V.21	300	FSK	300	1650 M/1850 S	2

Table 15. Communication Modes and Data Rates (Continued)

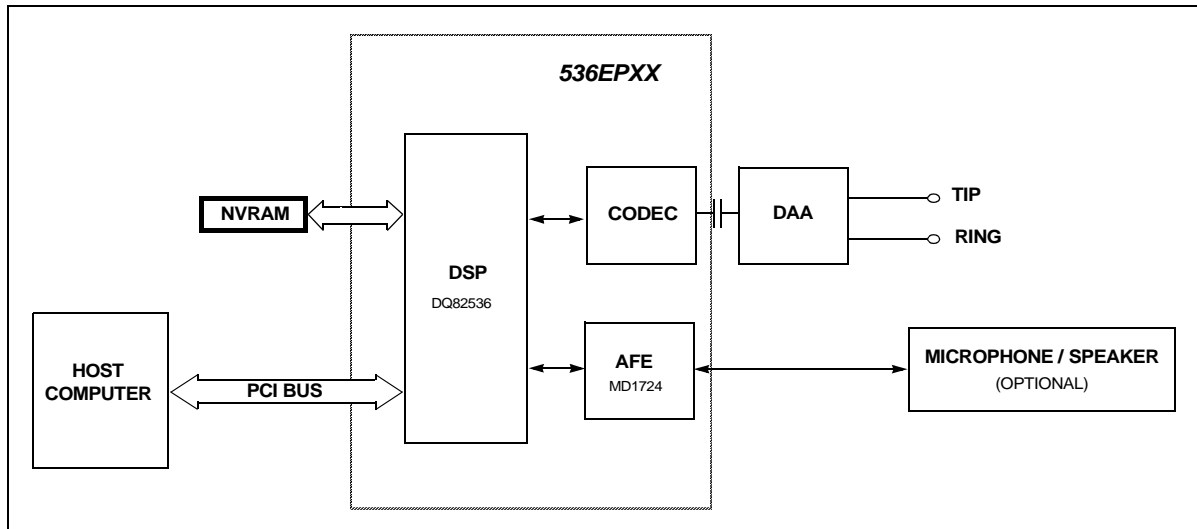
Application	Mode	Data Rate (bps)	Modulation	Baud Rate (symbols/sec.)	Carrier Frequency (Hz)	Constellation Points
Data	V.92 Mode ^a (V.92 receive path)	57333 ^b , 56000, 54666, 53333, 52000, 50666, 49333, 48000, 46666, 45333, 44000, 42666, 41333, 40000, 38666, 37333, 36000, 34666, 33333, 32000, 30666, 29333, 28000	PCM	8000	N/A (Baseband)	Variable ^c
	V.92 Mode (V.34 transmit path)	48000, 46666, 45333, 44000, 42666, 41333, 40000, 38666, 37333, 36000, 34666, 33333, 32000, 30666, 29333, 28000, 26666, 25333, 24000	TCM	3429 3200 3000	Variable	Variable ^c
	V.34	33,600, 31,200, 28,800, 26,400, 24,000, 21,600, 19,200, 16,800, 14,400, 12,000, 9600, 7200, 4800, 2400	TCM	Variable ^d	Variable ^e	Variable ^c
	V.32 bis	14,400	TCM	2400	1800	128
		12,000	TCM	2400	1800	64
		9600	TCM	2400	1800	32
		7200	TCM	2400	1800	16
		4800	TCM	2400	1800	4
	V.32	9600	TCM	2400	1800	32
		9600	QAM	2400	1800	16
		4800	QAM	2400	1800	4
	V.22 bis	2400	QAM	600	1200/2400	16
	V.22	1200	DPSK	600	1200/2400	4
Data (cont.)	V.21	300	FSK	300	980 M/1650 M 1180 S/1850 S	2
	Bell* 212A	1200	DPSK	600	1200/2400	4
	Bell 103	300	FSK	300	1270 M/2225 M 1070 S/2025 S	2

- a. V.92 data receive rates of up to 56 kbps can be achieved only in connections with equipment-compatible ISPs (internet service providers).
- b. FCC regulations do not allow the 57,333, 56,000, and 54,666 kbps data rates to be supported.
- c. Intel supports the normal and expanded constellations for each baud and data rate.
- d. Intel supports five of the six baud rates specified by the ITU-T (International Telecommunications Union-Telecommunications): 2400, 2743, 3000, 3200, and 3429 symbols/second. The ITU-T's optional baud rate of 2800 symbols/second is not supported.
- e. The high and low carrier frequencies specified by ITU-T are supported for each baud rate.

8.0 Hardware Interfaces

The 536EPXX chipset supports hardware interfaces for the host, expansion bus, non-volatile RAM (NVRAM), CODEC/DAA, speaker, microphone, and general-purpose I/O functions. The hardware interfaces are demonstrated below.

Figure 4. Modem System Block Diagram (536EPXX)



8.1 NVRAM Interface

536EPXX is designed to support either 2K or 4K EEPROM in x8 or x16 mode. NVRAM can be used to customize the Subsystem Vendor ID and Subsystem ID per the manufacturer's requirement. 536EPXX can also be used without the NVRAM, in this case 536EPXX will default to one of the ID's listed in Table 16 depending on how the GPIO 8 through 11 are tied.

PCI configuration data to use. Table 16 describes this.

Table 16. PCI Subsystem Vendor ID and Subsystem ID with No EEPROM

GPIO[10:8]	Subsystem Vendor	Subsystem ID
000	Reserved	1040h
001	Reserved	1040h
010	Reserved	1040h
011	Reserved	1040h
100	Reserved	1040h
101	Reserved	1040h
110	Reserved	1040h
111	Reserved	1040h
000	Intel (ID = 8086)	1000h

Table 16. PCI Subsystem Vendor ID and Subsystem ID with No EEPROM (Continued)

GPI0[10:8]	Subsystem Vendor	Subsystem ID
001	Intel (ID = 8086)	1001h
010	Intel (ID = 8086)	1002h
011	Intel (ID = 8086)	1003h
100	Intel (ID = 8086)	1004h
101	Intel (ID = 8086)	1005h
110	Intel (ID = 8086)	1006h
111	Intel (ID = 8086)	1007h

8.2 DAA Interface

A DAA (Data Access Arrangement) is the interface between the modem chipset and the telephone network. The DAA interface controls the telephone line off-hook relays, detects ring signals, and transmits and receives analog signals.

8.3 ACPI Interface

The 536EPXX supports the ACPI (Advanced Configuration and Power Interface) power management specification: the operating system puts system components into low-power states when not active. These chipsets support three power states: D0, D2, and D3_{cold}.

8.3.1 D0

All PCI bus functions must support the D0 state and go to D0 before use. On power up, the function is in an uninitialized state. When initialized by system software, the function goes to D0 active.

8.3.2 D2

D2 may be entered when a PCI bus function is idle. This provides significant power savings and allows the function to return to the original condition. In this state only PCI configuration access is allowed. Memory and I/O access is not allowed. Configuration space must be accessible by system software while D2 is active.

System software must restore the function to D0 active before memory or I/O space can be accessed. Initiated activity such as bus mastering and functional interrupt request generation occur only after the function has been restored to active state.

Important: A minimum recovery time of 200 μ s from D2 to D0 is required before the next function can be accessed. Attempted access sooner than this could result in undefined system behavior.

8.3.3 D3_{cold}

Switching from main supply outputs to the auxiliary power source requires strict power budgeting of slots, determining those to consume full 3.3V_{aux} power. A PCI function must draw no more than 20 mA through the 3.3V_{aux} pin when in D3_{cold} if the PME_En bit is cleared. If a PCI function has been enabled for PME# generation before entering D3_{cold}, the PCI add-in card can continue to draw up to 375 mA through the 3.3V_{aux} pin while in D3_{cold}.

8.3.4 Speaker Interface

The AFE device internally implements both the volume control and amplifier necessary to drive an external speaker. The output of the internal amplifier can be connected directly to a speaker or to the input of the host speaker amplifier. The internal amplifier is capable of driving a maximum load of 40 Ω . The speaker volume is controlled by the **ATLn** command.

8.3.5 Microphone Interface

The MD1724 AFE device provides a microphone interface that connects a microphone or handset to the modem with a minimum of external parts. This microphone input can then be used for local Voice record mode or for Telephone-Emulation mode.

8.3.6 General-Purpose I/O Interface

To customize the modem design, the DSP provides 14 general-purpose pins that can be used to control or monitor external circuitry.

Some of the general-purpose pins can be configured for specific functions (such as a Caller ID relay, CIDREL*). Pin functions can be controlled via the host controller code. Some Voice mode functions are enhanced by adding external circuitry for remote hang-up detection, extension phone pickup, or hang-up detection.